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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/ Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC
Docket Number: 2019-224-E (Duke Energy Carolinas)
Docket Number: 2019-225-E (Duke Energy Progress)

Dear Ms. Boyd:

In response to Chief Hearing Officer Directive No. 2020-89-H, issued on September 21, 2020, in the above-referenced dockets, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP,” and together with DEC, the “Companies”) provide for the Commission’s consideration a procedural schedule for these dockets as outlined below.

The Companies respectfully submit that the following procedural schedule be adopted by the Commission:

- DEC/DEP Direct Testimony due November 13, 2020
- ORS and Intervenor Direct Testimony due February 5, 2021
- DEC/DEP Rebuttal Testimony due March 19, 2021
- ORS and Intervenor Surrebuttal Testimony due April 16, 2021
- Witness & Testimony Order and Witness Panels due April 19, 2021
- Joint DEC/DEP Evidentiary Hearing May 3-7, 2021¹
- Briefs and Proposed Orders due May 28, 2021
- Final Order from Commission issued by June 28, 2021

¹ The hearing may continue the following week, if necessary.

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The Companies believe that the proposed schedule provides adequate time for discovery between the parties and testimony development while considering the Commission's calendar, holidays and response times, as well as the statutory deadline for these dockets.

The Companies appreciate the opportunity to provide this proposed schedule for the Commission's consideration and note that the proposed schedule is supported by the Office of Regulatory Staff, the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc., Vote Solar and the Southern Environmental Law Center on behalf of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and Upstate Forever.² Please note, the Companies are also serving the Hearing Officer with this filing.

Sincerely,



Heather Shirley Smith

cc: Parties of Record (via email)
David Butler, Chief Hearing Officer (via email)

² These parties reviewed the proposed procedural schedule and provided feedback which was incorporated into this submittal and consent to the Companies representing their support to the Commission.